REMEDIAL SITE ASSESSMENT DECISION - EPA REGION II

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State ID:

EPA ID: NJD043292606 Site Name: GAF CORPORATION

Alias Site Names: GAF CORP - GLOUCESTER CITY

City: GLOUCESTER

Refer to Report Dated: County or Parrish: CAMDEN State: NJ

Report Developed By: Report Type: SITE REASSESSMENT 001

1. Further Remedial Site Assessment Under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:
 NFRAP-Site does not qualify for the NPL based on existing information

 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:

Discussion/Rationale:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that no further remedial action by the Federal Superfund program is warranted at the General Aniline & Film Facility (GAF Building Products[GAF site]) (EPA ID NJD043292606), at this time. The basis for the no further remedial action planned (NFRAP) determination is provided in this document. A NFRAP designation means that no additional remedial steps under the Federal Superfund program will be taken at the site unless new information warranting further Superfund consideration or conditions not previously known to EPA regarding the site are disclosed. In accordance with EPA's decision regarding the tracking of NFRAP sites, the referenced site may be removed from the CERCLIS database and placed in a separate archival database as a historical record if no further Superfund interest is warranted. Archived sites may be returned to the CERCLIS site inventory if new information necessitating further Superfund consideration is discovered.

The overall site score for the GAF site is 4.55, well below the required threshold score for placement on the NPL (28.50). The rationale for the NFRAP decision is based on the following: There is no observed release; the only impacted pathway is the Soil Exposure Pathway; no contamination is present within the first two (2) feet of soil below the ground surface; a Declaration of Environmental Restriction (DER) is in place at the site over the contamination. The DER designation is intended to prevent the spread of contamination from the site with levels of the contaminants of concern (PCBs). The DER also provides that future development plans allow the areas to remain as open space or as parking lots so as to not disturb underlying contaminants.

Site History:

General Aniline & Film Facility (GAF) is located on approximately thirty-six (36) acres at the intersection of Charles Street and Water Street in Gloucester City, Camden County New Jersey.

In 1967, GAF took over operations of the Ruberoid Company's paper mill operation. Manufacturing operations included the use of paper, wood chips, and sawdust to make felt for roofing, flooring, and vinyl siding. In addition, GAF produced asbestos pipe coverings.

GAF ceased operations at the site in approximately 1983. In 1992, in response to an ECRA investigation and remediation triggered by the sale and transfer of a portion of the property to Vanguard Vinyl Siding, GAF received No Further Action letters from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

In 1995, restriction was generated for levels of PCBs and asbestos contamination allowed to remain undisturbed with an asphalt cap and soil cap in place, respectively. Ownership of additional lots has been transferred since, and currently all lots are included within a NJDEP Brownfields Development Area (BDA).

In October 2007, a Preliminary Assessment was performed in anticipation of the Brownfields Development. Because the property will be zoned and utilized as residential property under the BDA, the past areas of concern were re-evaluated in order to investigate additional areas that may require remediation in order to comply to current NJDEP Soil Remediation Standards (SRS). Remediation for the entire BDA will be completed with direct oversight by and strict compliance to the residential NJDEP SRS ensured by NJDEP, Office of Brownfields Reuse (OBR).

Site Decision Made by: STEVEN WALL
Signature:

Date: 03/24/2009

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